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PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. ASCENDING INTO THE TERRIFYING FORM OF RED ONSLAUGHT, HE INITIATED HIS WAR, BROADCASTING HIS INFLUENCE ACROSS THE PLANET. DETERMINED TO PUT AN END TO THIS “WORLD WAR HATE,” A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO THE SKULL ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD’S FIERCEST VILLAINS.



COMPLETELY OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A DESPERATE, LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME RED ONSLAUGHT: SCARLET WITCH AND DOCTOR DOOM USED THEIR MAGICAL ABILITIES TO SUBVERT RED SKULL'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND BRING XAVIER TO THE FORE. BLANKETING GENOSHA IN THEIR SPELL, THE RED SKULL WAS RENDERED DORMANT. THE AVENGERS AND X-MEN SPLIT BITTERLY OVER THE AVENGERS' UNILATERAL DECISION TO IMPRISON THE PASSIVE RED SKULL. IN THE WAKE OF GENOSHA, THE AVENGERS WHO WERE PRESENT ANGRILY CUT TIES WITH S.H.I.E.L.D., WHILE THE X-MEN CALLED FOR WAR AGAINST HUMANITY. MEANWHILE, THE VILLAINS PRESENT HAVE BEEN COMMITTING ACTS OF HEROISM, KLUH (THE HULK'S HULK) WENT ON A RAMPAGE, AND SOMEONE FREED RED SKULL FROM AVENGERS CUSTODY.

SOMETHING CLEARLY WENT WRONG



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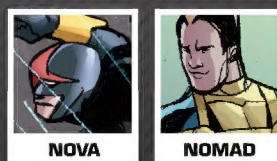
INVERTED HEROES & VILLAINS



AVENGERS



HEROES



AVENGERS TOWER.

HEY,
SPIDEY!

"SPIDEY" IS
A BIT FAMILIAR,
KID.

ER...I MEAN,
SPIDER-
MAN.

MR. SPIDERTON ESQUIRE
THE THIRD IS WHAT NEWBIES
CALL ME, SON.

OH, UM, WELL, I'M
NOT **TOTALLY** NEW,
I'VE BEEN DOING THIS,
YOU KNOW...

...FOR
A WHILE
NOW.

I'M JUST **HAZING** YOU,
NOVA. IT'S WHAT THE OLD
GUARD DOES TO ASSERT
DOMINANCE.

LIGHTEN UP.
GOTTA HAVE A SENSE
OF HUMOR TO SURVIVE
THE **DOUR** TONE THIS
LIFE TENDS TO
CAST.

HA--
OKAY.

YOU KNOW, THE DUDE WHO WORE
THAT HELMET BEFORE YOU WAS A
GOOD GUY, NAME WAS RICHARD
RIDER.

THERE'S A JOKE
IN THERE IF YOU
THINK ON IT.

BUT SERIOUSLY,
HE LEFT SOME
BIG SHOES TO
FILL--AND
YOU'RE DOING
GREAT.

WOW.
THANKS.

I'M JUST SUPER **FLATTERED**
THE AVENGERS INVITED ME. I
MEAN--THIS IS **BIG!** EVERY
SINGLE AVENGER CALLED TO
A MEETING, MUST BE
IMPORTANT!

SUCH YOUTHFUL
EAGERNESS.

GIVE IT TIME. ALL YOU NEED
IS A SOUL-SUCKING SYMBIOTE
OR A MEDIA OUTLET DEDICATED
TO SMEARING YOUR GOOD
NAME...



...AND THAT ENTHUSIASM WILL FADE QUICKLY.

BUT, HEY--WE THROW COLORFUL COSTUME PARTIES, SO IT'S NOT ALL BAD.

JUST...DON'T LOOK AT THE FACT THAT WE ALL WEAR BRIGHT AND FRILLY UNIFORMS TOO CLOSELY OR IT'LL MAKE US ALL SEEM LIKE WEIRDOS.

I THINK THE COSTUMES ARE KINDA NEAT.



SURE YOU DO.

AND YOU'RE LIKE, WHAT, THIRTEEN YEARS OLD? SO THAT'S OKAY.

BUT TAKE THIS DUDE RIGHT HERE FOR EXAMPLE.



HAWKEYE'S LIKE THIRTY-SIX AND DRESSED UP IN A PURPLE JUMPER!

SAID THE LOUD-MOUTHED MAN-CHILD IN THE BRIGHT RED LEOTARD.



COSTUME ENVY.

HE CHANGES HIS EVERY FEW YEARS, WHILE MY LEOTARD REMAINS TIMELESS.

HEH.



...IT'S TRIFLING BEING ON BOTH TEAMS. CONTRARIAN MORONS IN BOTH CAMPS SEEKING--

ENOUGH. I TIRE OF THIS ONE-SIDED CONVERSATION, MCCOY.

DO WE HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT THE PURPOSE OF THIS IDIOT MEETING IS?



WHERE THE HELL IS ROGERS?

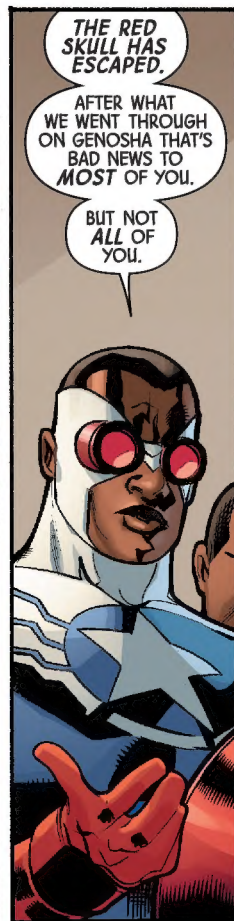
STEVE ISN'T RUNNING THIS SHOW...



...I AM.

I APPRECIATE
YOU ALL FALLING
IN LINE.

I KNOW THESE
PRIORITY ALERTS ARE
INCONVENIENT--AND YOU
IMAGINE YOUR WORK
IMPORTANT--BUT THIS
PROBLEM REQUIRES
IMMEDIATE
ACTION--



**THE RED
SKULL HAS
ESCAPED.**

AFTER WHAT
WE WENT THROUGH
ON GENOSHA THAT'S
BAD NEWS TO
MOST OF YOU.

BUT NOT
ALL OF
YOU.



SECURITY LOGS SHOW
SOMEONE WITH
AVENGERS-LEVEL
CLEARANCE
ACCESSED HIS
CELL.

THE SAME
PERSON ERASED
THE SECURITY
FOOTAGE.

LEADING
ME TO BELIEVE--



--ONE OF YOU
AIDED HIM.

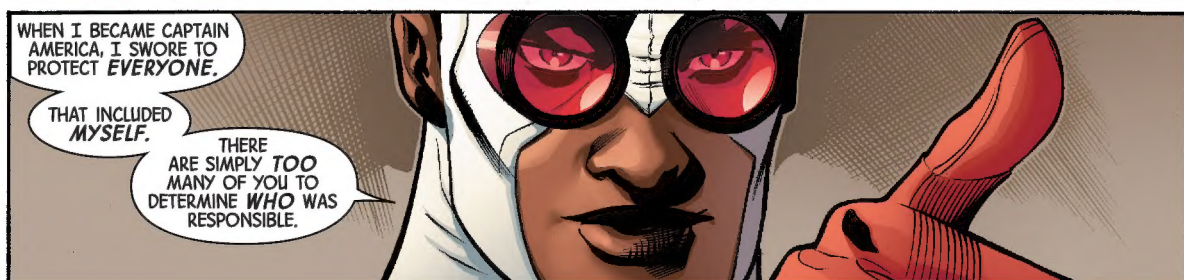
VERILY
SO.



IS THIS A
JOKE?

WE SHOULDN'T
HAVE COME
HERE.

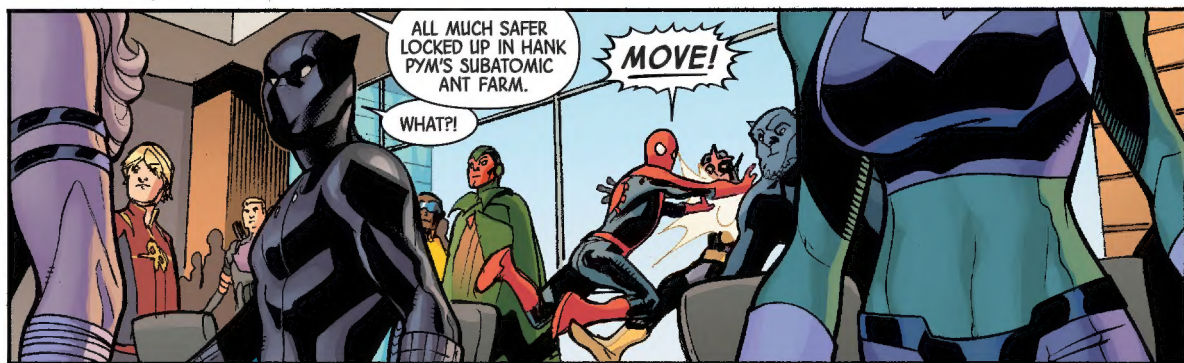
WHAT ARE
YOU TALKING
ABOUT--

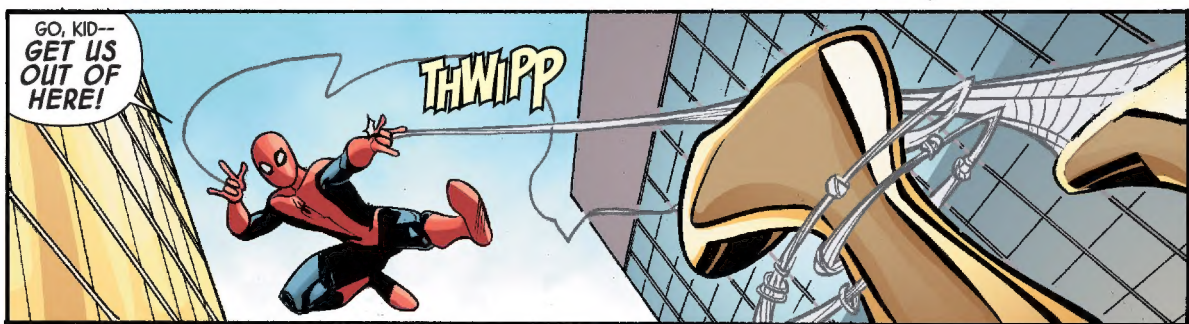
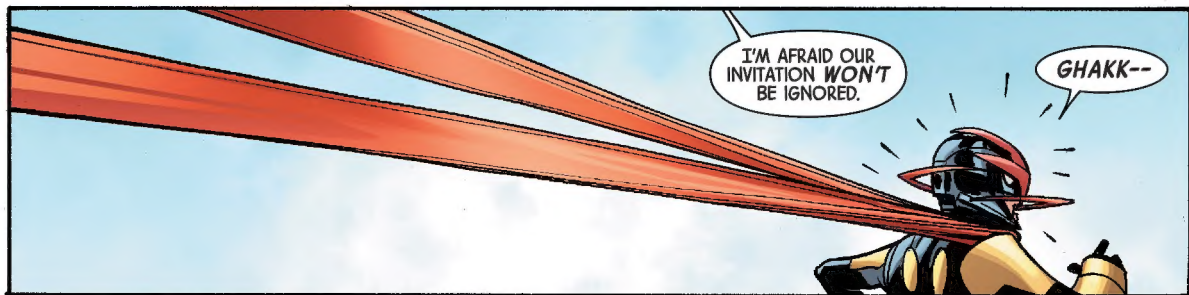


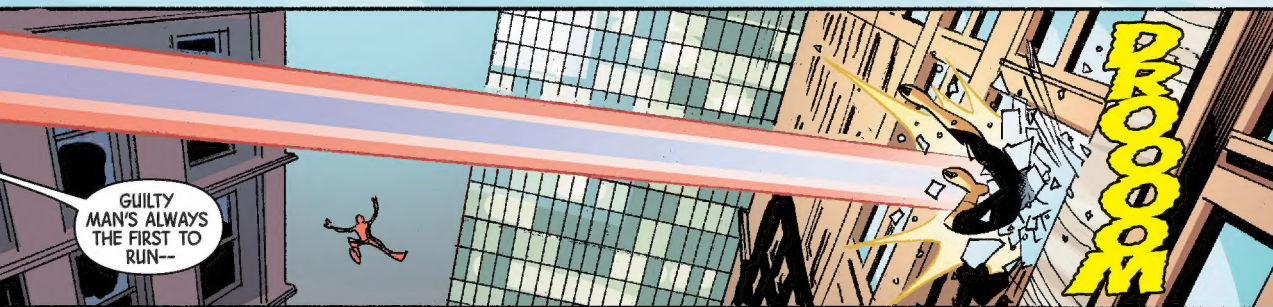
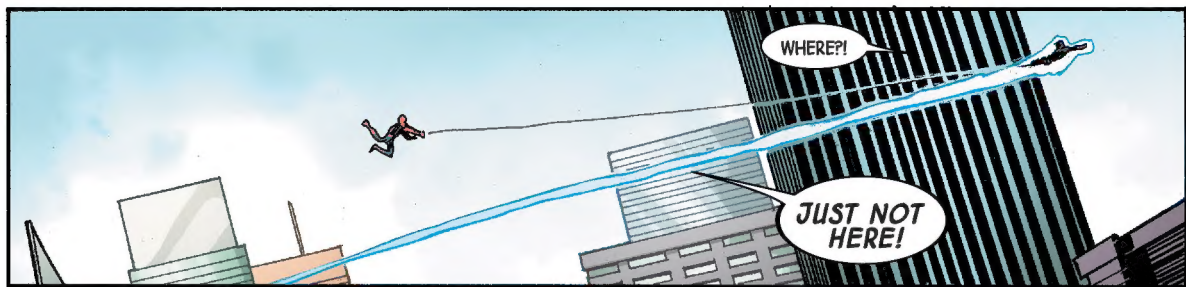
WHEN I BECAME CAPTAIN
AMERICA, I SWORE TO
PROTECT **EVERYONE.**

THAT INCLUDED
MYSELF.

THERE
ARE SIMPLY TOO
MANY OF YOU TO
DETERMINE **WHO** WAS
RESPONSIBLE.







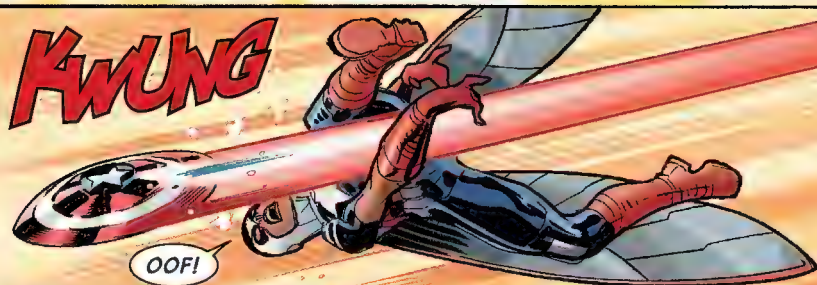


--SO TELL ME
WHERE YOU TOOK
THE RED SKULL OR
I'LL SNAP YOUR
DAMNED NECK!

LITERALLY THE
LEAST "CAPTAIN
AMERICA" LINE OF
DIALOGUE EVER.



THERE'S A
LOT MORE
DIFFERENT
ABOUT ME--
HMMH?



KWUNG

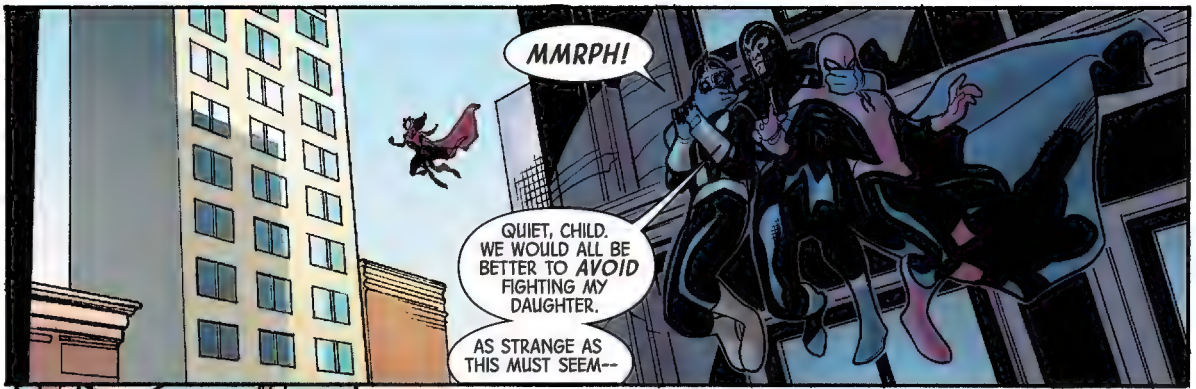
OOF!



GUESS THE
SHIELD ALSO
FINDS YOUR
BEHAVIOR A
BIT OUT OF
CHARACTER.



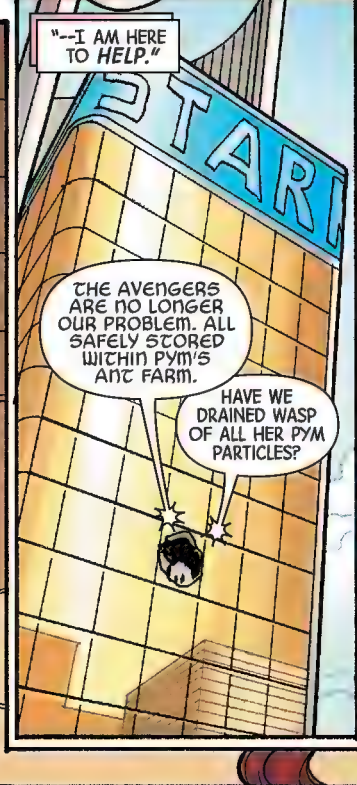
WILSON,
WHAT THE
HELL IS TAKING
SO LONG, YOU
INCOMPETENT
STOOGES?



MMRPH!

QUIET, CHILD.
WE WOULD ALL BE
BETTER TO AVOID
FIGHTING MY
DAUGHTER.

AS STRANGE AS
THIS MUST SEEM--



"--I AM HERE
TO HELP."

THE AVENGERS
ARE NO LONGER
OUR PROBLEM. ALL
SAFELY STORED
WITHIN PYM'S
ANT FARM.

HAVE WE
DRAINED WASP OF
ALL HER PYM
PARTICLES?



BECAUSE WE MIGHT NEED TO
ROUND UP THE X-MEN AND--

AND THE
INHUMANS?
WAS THAT WHAT
YOU WERE GOING
TO SAY, CAGE?

SO
WHAT IF
IT WAS?

CEASE THIS
INFANTILE
DISPLAY.



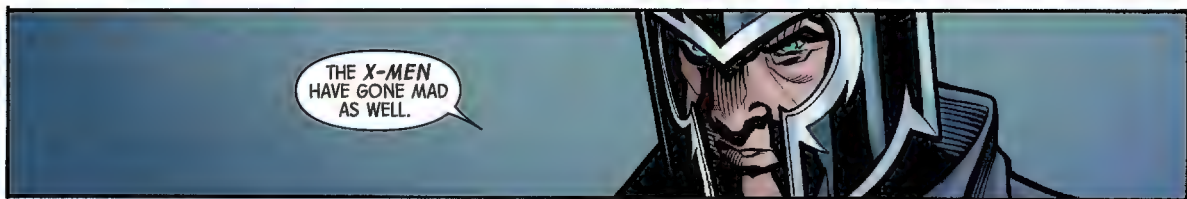
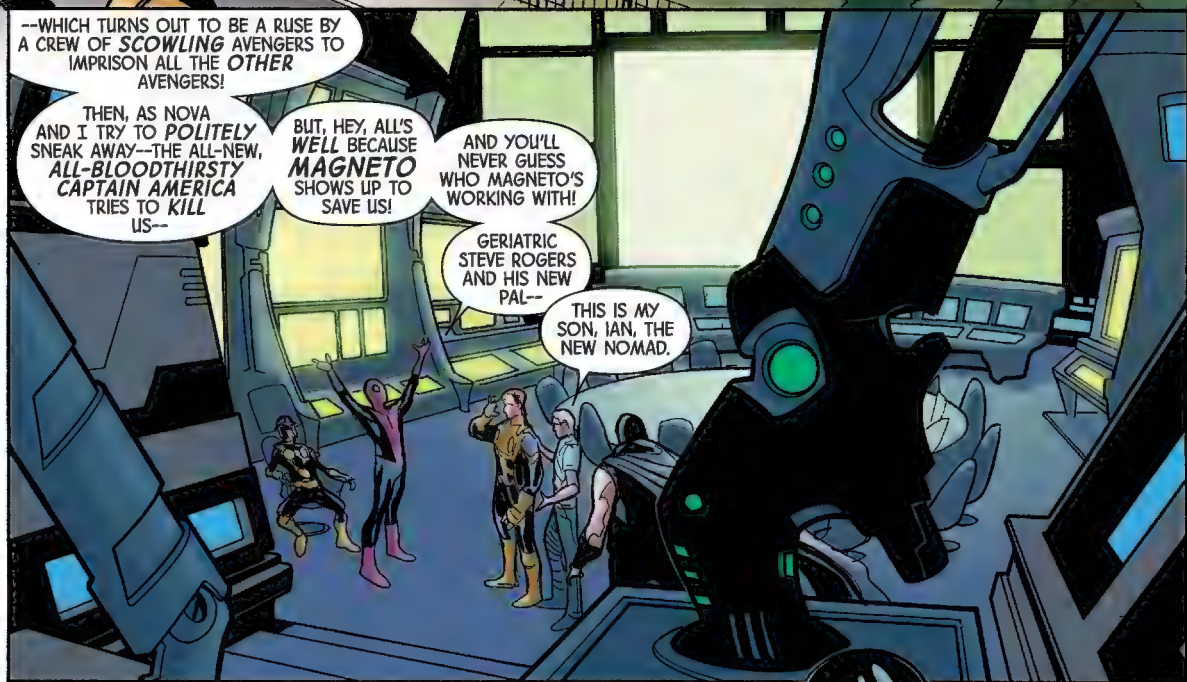
THIS CHARLATAN
ALLOWED SPIDER-MAN
AND NOVA TO
ESCAPE.

DAMN.

NEITHER OF THEM ARE
AWAKENED LIKE US--
THEY WILL INTERFERE
WITH OUR PLANS!

OUR PLANS?
WE HAVE NO
COMMON INTERESTS
BEYOND THIS
POINT.

OUR ALLIANCE
HAS SERVED ITS
PURPOSE--I HAVE
NO FURTHER USE
FOR ANY OF
YOU.





GOOD.
PERFECT.
THE HITS KEEP
COMING.

DURING THE BATTLE
ON GENOSHA, ROGUE
SAW SOMETHING OF
CHARLES XAVIER INSIDE
THE RED ONSLAUGHT.

DOOM AND SCARLET WITCH
CAST ORDER AND CHAOS ENERGY
ONTO ONSLAUGHT HOPING TO
INVERT THE PERSONALITIES,
TO BRING XAVIER OUT.



BUT
SOMETHING
CLEARLY WENT
WRONG.

EVERYONE
WHO WAS ON THAT
ISLAND HAD HIS OR
HER BASIC ALIGNMENT
INVERTED.



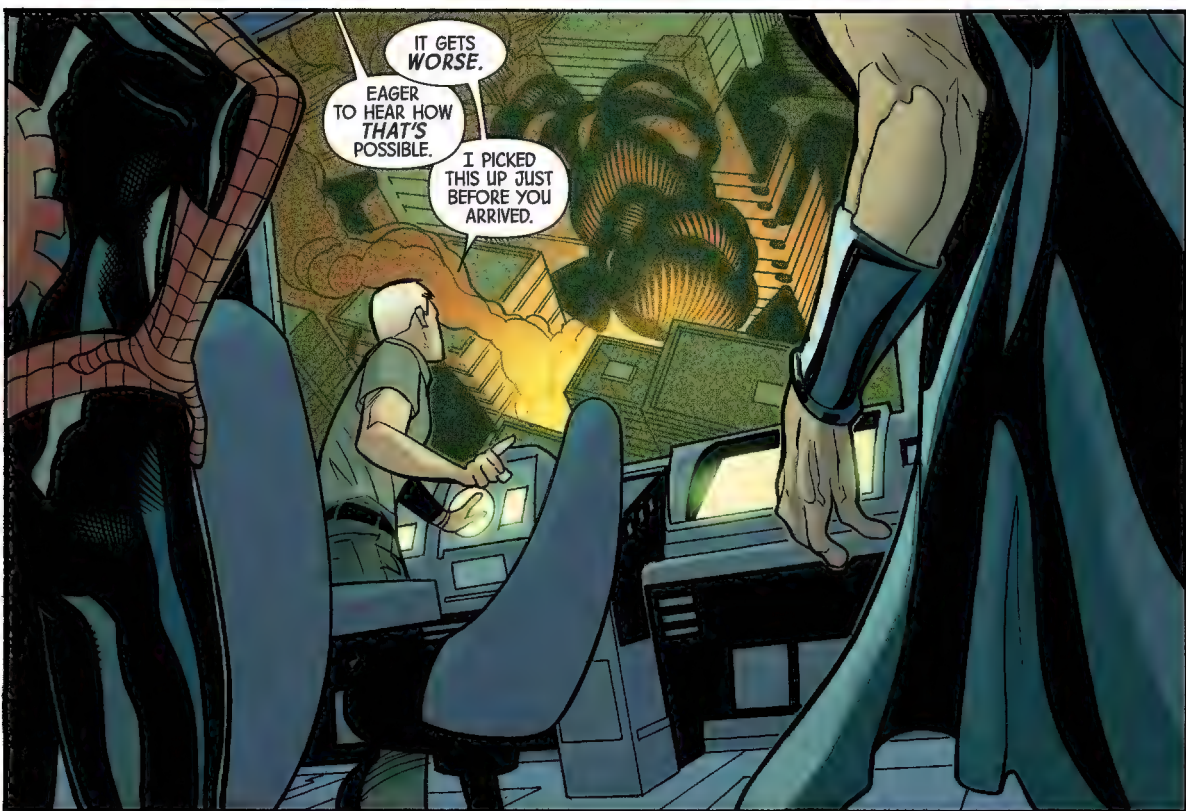
THIS JUST GETS BETTER AND
BETTER! DOGS AND CATS LIVING
TOGETHER--*MASS*
HYSTERIA!

SO YOU MEAN
EVERY *GOOD* GUY
ON THAT ISLAND IS
NOW *BAD*?

AND EVERY
BAD GUY IS
NOW...



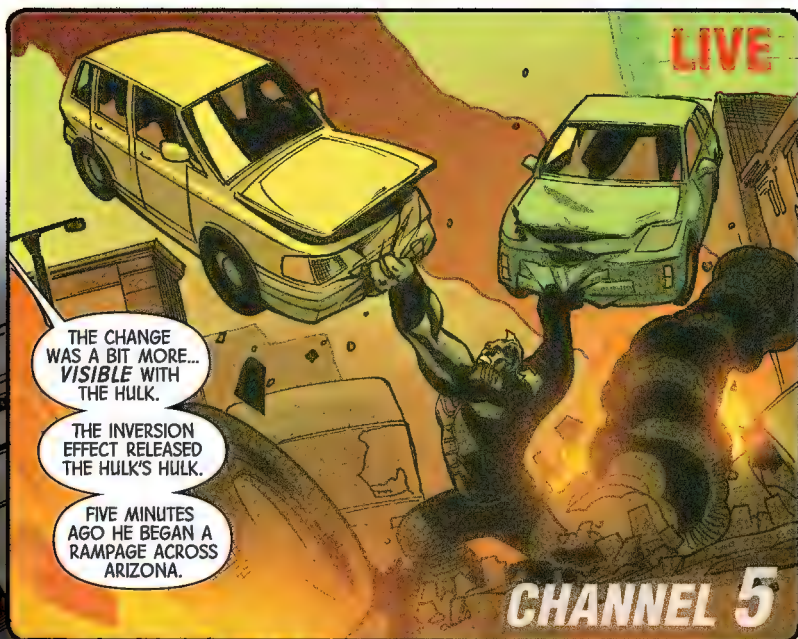
GOOD.



IT GETS
WORSE.

EAGER
TO HEAR HOW
THAT'S
POSSIBLE.

I PICKED
THIS UP JUST
BEFORE YOU
ARRIVED.

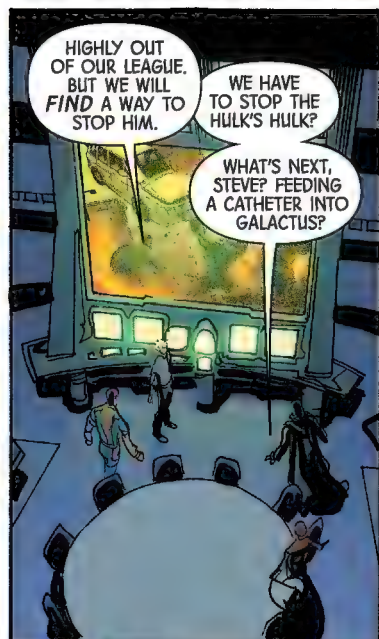


THE CHANGE WAS A BIT MORE... VISIBLE WITH THE HULK.

THE INVERSION EFFECT RELEASED THE HULK'S HULK.

FIVE MINUTES AGO HE BEGAN A RAMPAGE ACROSS ARIZONA.

CHANNEL 5



HIGHLY OUT OF OUR LEAGUE, BUT WE WILL FIND A WAY TO STOP HIM.

WE HAVE TO STOP THE HULK'S HULK?

WHAT'S NEXT, STEVE? FEEDING A CATHETER INTO GALACTUS?



--CHANNEL 5 ON SCENE AS THE MONSTER CONTINUES HIS RAMPAGE, PROPERTY DAMAGE ALONE REACHING INTO THE BILLIONS--

YA FIND THIS INTERESTIN', LITTLE MAN?

PISSANTS DRAWN TA THE STENCH OF MY PARTY-TIME FRENZY.

KEEP FILMIN', TENDER BOY--I'M GONNA GIVE YA A SWEET SHOW BEFORE I SQUISH YA!

ANYONE WATCHIN' WORTH FIGHTIN'--I START KILLIN' 'TIL SOMEONE STOPS ME!

YOU HEAR ME, "HEROES"?-- I'M CALLIN' YOU OUT!

YOU WANT A FIGHT--





--YOU GOT ONE.



HOW DID HE DO THAT?

WHY DID HE DO THAT?!

I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE'S ABOUT TO WISH HE HADN'T.

QUICK, TO THE QUINJET--WE NEED TO GO HELP HIM BEFORE--



HEY, IT'S A LOUD ALERT SOUND!

WE WERE DUE FOR SOME BAD NEWS!

THAT'S A PERIMETER WARNING.

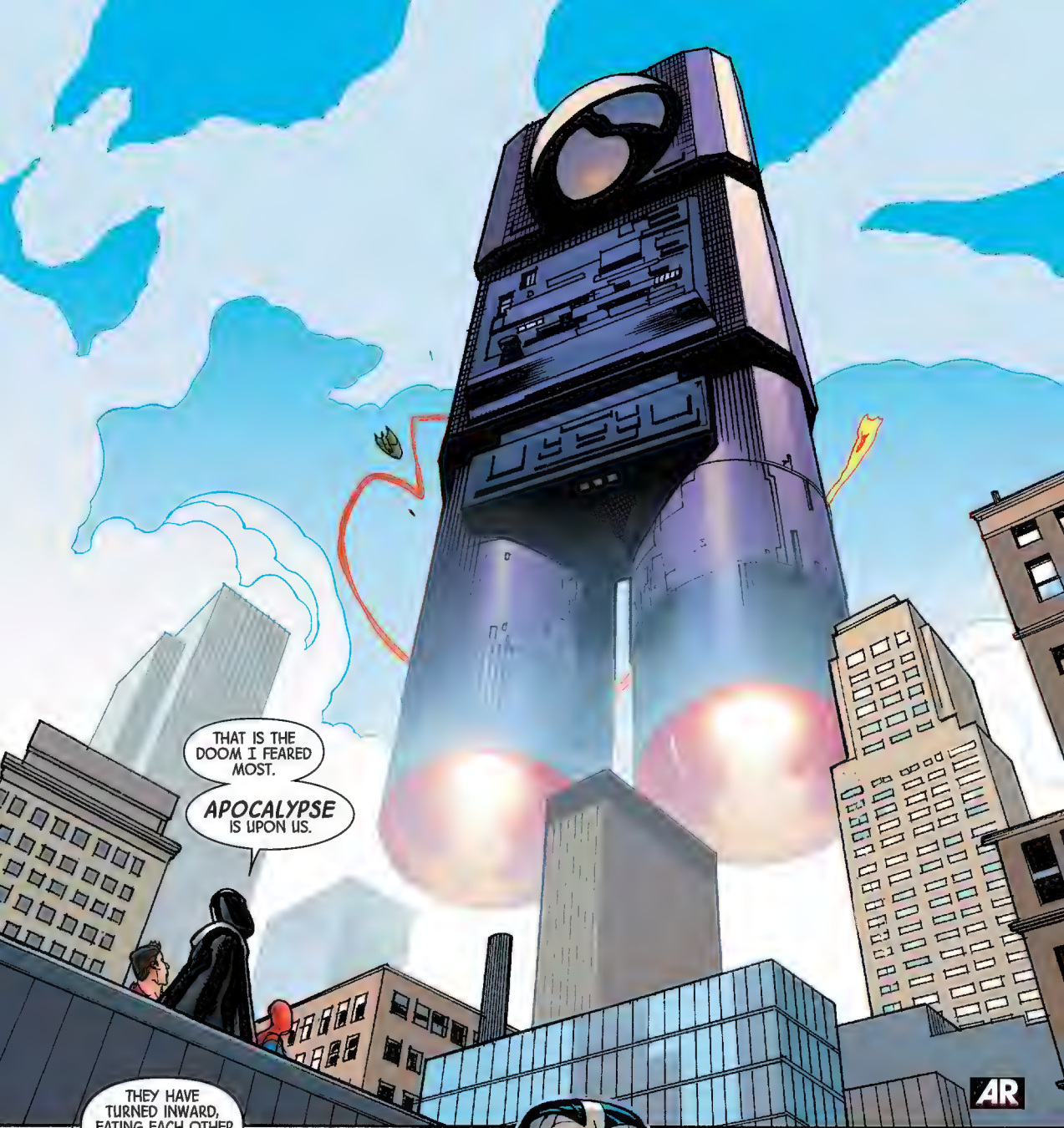
SOMETHING'S NEARBY.



BE READY FOR ANYTHING.



EVEN PREPPED, I'M NOT READY FOR WHATEVER THAT IS.





"...GET THE RED SKULL."

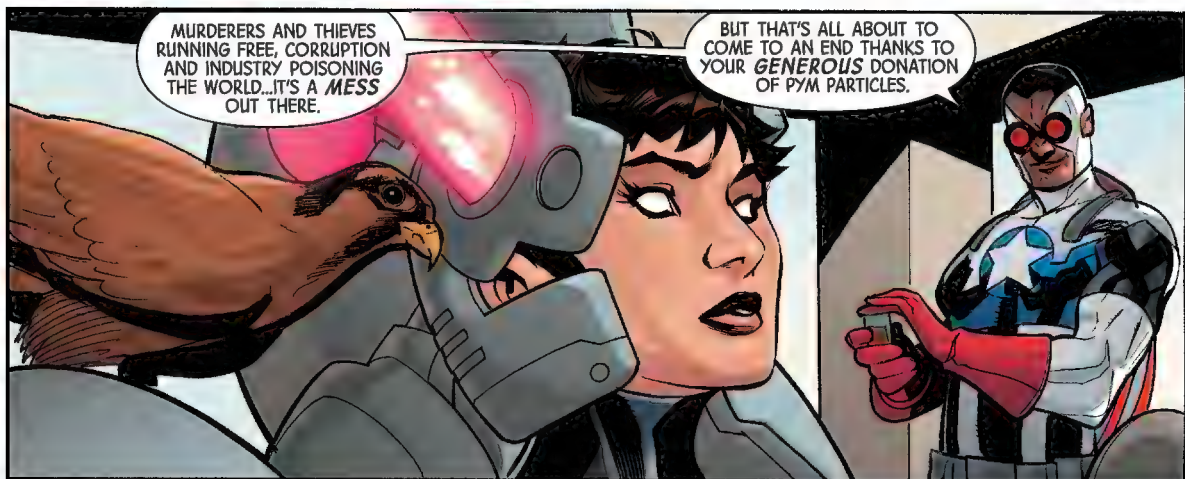
DEMOCRACY'S FAILED.



WE GAVE IT A TRY.

LET THE IDIOTS DO EVERYTHING BY VOTE.

JUST LOOK WHAT IT'S GOTTEN US, WASP.



MURDERERS AND THIEVES RUNNING FREE, CORRUPTION AND INDUSTRY POISONING THE WORLD...IT'S A MESS OUT THERE.

BUT THAT'S ALL ABOUT TO COME TO AN END THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS DONATION OF PYM PARTICLES.



NOW I CAN SHRINK DOWN ANYONE IN MY WAY.

IT'S THE MOST HUMANE SOLUTION--NO ONE NEED DIE TO BRING ORDER.



THE WORLD NEEDS TO BE DIRECTED BY ONE VOICE.

ONE STRONG MAN TO SORT IT ALL OUT--TO GUIDE THE HERD.

THE WORLD DEMANDS A TYRANT, JANET.



AND WHO BETTER THAN I?

WAS THAT RHETORICAL?

BECAUSE WE *MIGHT* HAVE ANOTHER OPTION IN MIND.

LOOK AT THIS OPULENT TOWER-- SOME *FANCY* DIGS YOU *SWINE* HAVE HERE. FASCISM PAYS, JAP?

WE DO APPRECIATE YOU CLEARING OUT THE OTHER AVENGERS, SUGAH-- MAKES THE DOMINATION BY THE X-MEN SO MUCH EASIER.

IF YOU WISH TO *SURVIVE*-- DELIVER THE RED SKULL TO US *NOW*.

WAIT, WHAT THE HELL--?!

JANET...?!

YOU DARE TOUCH MY WIFE?!

NIGHTCRAWLER, COLLECT THE SKULL.

SKULL'S LOCKED UP TIGHT!

BAMF

SO UNLESS YOU *GENE* FREAKS WANT ME TO *DETONATE* HIS CELL, YOU'LL--

NO RED SKULL.

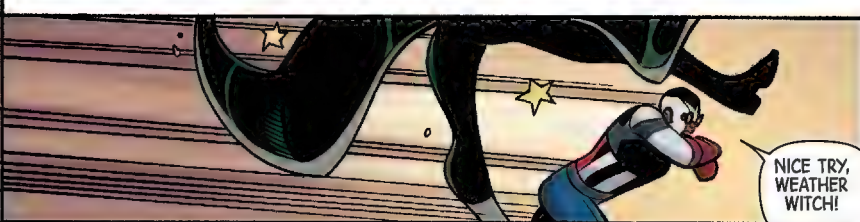
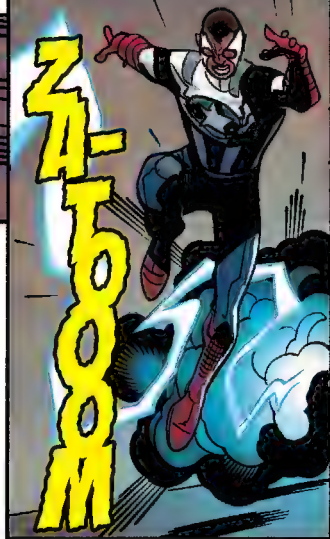
BAMF

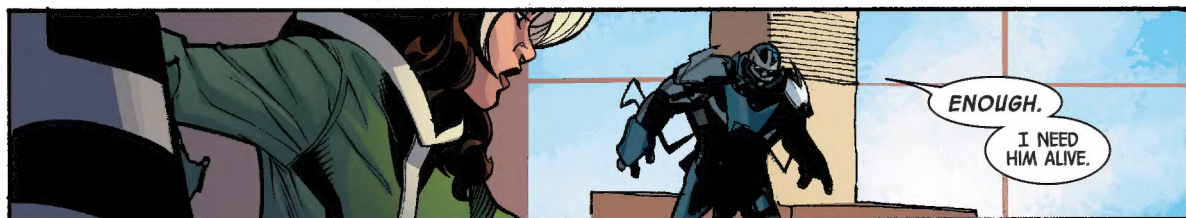
SO WE CAN MOVE TO THE NEXT ITEM ON TODAY'S AGENDA:

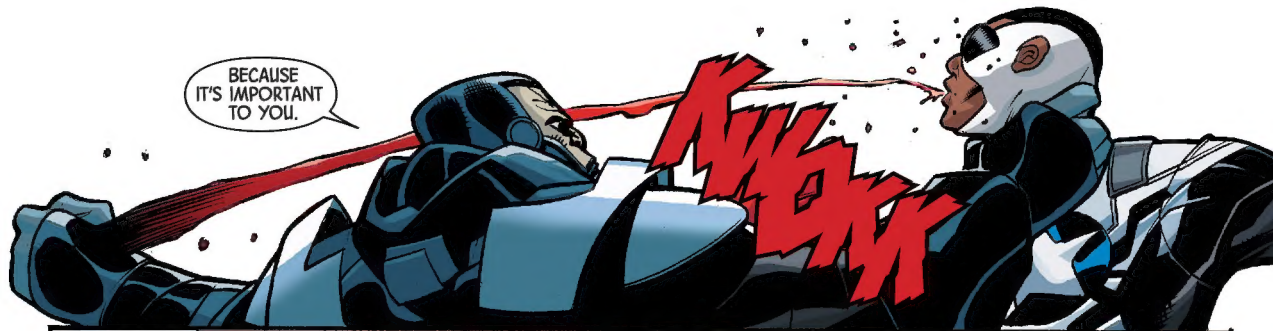
KILLING THE REST OF YOU.

YERAGH--!

SHLK







BECAUSE
IT'S IMPORTANT
TO YOU.



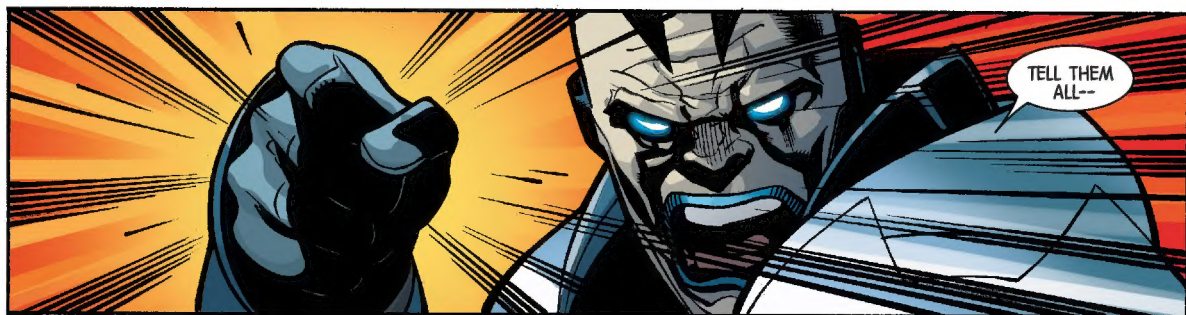
AND WE ARE
GOING TO
TAKE AWAY
EVERYTHING
YOU EVER CARED
ABOUT.



THE **RIGHTFUL** HEIRS OF THIS
WORLD HAVE COME FOR WHAT IS
OWED. NEW YORK IS **OURS**.

ANY HUMAN
FOUND HERE IN
THREE HOURS WILL BE
SLAUGHTERED.

TELL
THEM, GOOD
CAPTAIN.



TELL THEM
ALL--

--THE
APOCALYPSE
IS UPON YOU.

CONTINUED!

AXIS

BECAUSE ONE GOOD TURN
DESERVES ANOTHER...

MAKE SURE TO CATCH EVERY TWIST OF
AVENGERS & X-MEN: AXIS

AXIS: REVOLUTIONS #2



Heroes gone bad!
Villains gone good!

AXIS: HOBGOBLIN #2



Hobgoblin vs. Hobgoblin?!

AXIS: CARNAGE #2



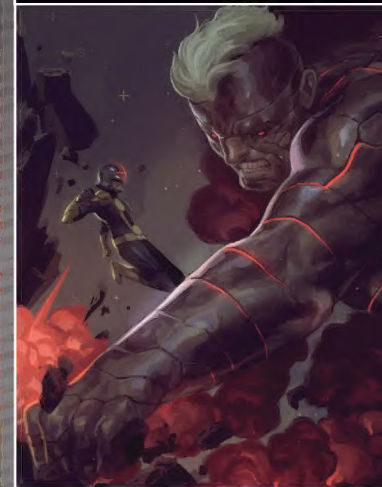
Being a hero ain't easy, especially
when you're a complete
psychopath like Carnage!

WOLVERINE & THE X-MEN #12



Storm throws down at the
Hellfire Club?!

NOVA #23 & #24



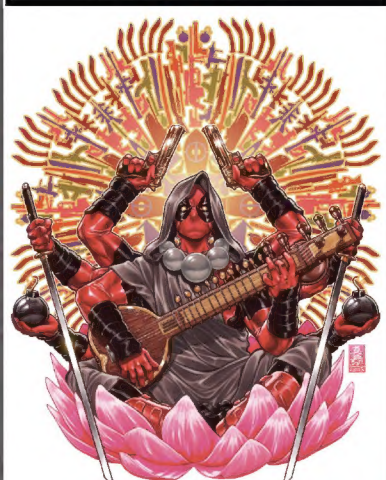
It's Nova vs. Kluh, the inverted
Hulk! Things aren't going to go
well for Sam!

AVENGERS WORLD #15



An Avengers team...recruited by
DR. DOOM? To what end???

DEADPOOL #37



Deadpool has sworn off violence!
How will that help him take on the
evil X-Men?

ALL-NEW X-FACTOR #16



X-Factor saves the world from
nuclear war and from a
Sentinel attack – or do they?!

MAGNETO #12



Magneto and Xavier:
Two sides of the same coin?

CAPTAIN AMERICA & THE MIGHTY AVENGERS #1 & #2



Will the inversion of Captain
America and Luke Cage spell the
end of the Mighty Avengers?

SUPERIOR IRON MAN #1 & #2



Tony Stark is a new man and now
he's going to change the world...
at a terrible cost!

LOKI: AGENT OF ASGARD #8



Loki's a hero now?! Probably not,
but don't tell his friends that!

AXIS

AXIS

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AXIS